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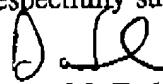
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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for the minimum extension of time necessary so that the Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, filed by Express Mail on April 17, 2002 is considered timely filed.

It is believed that an extension of one month is required. Applicants hereby authorize a charge in the amount of \$55.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 07-1969. If this is incorrect however, please charge the required amount to the deposit account and if any additional extension of time is required, please accept this petition as requesting the necessary months, with an according adjust to the amount charged to said Deposit Account.

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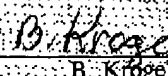
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